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THE WAU BAN SEE WARWHOOP.

It Will Soon Be Heard in the Coming Political Struggles in Cook County.

A New Chief Selected to Lead the Braves on the War Path to Glory.

Heaton Owsley Chosen to Preside Over the Crack North Side Organization This Year.

There was a great feast and much pow-wow in the big wigwam of the Waubansee Club last Saturday night. In honor of the election of a new chief to wear the blanket that has draped the shoulders of William A. Vincent for the past twenty-four moons. The Braves voted unanimously in favor of Heaton Owsley for chief. After the election the retiring president was presented with a massive, solid silver loving cup as a token of their appreciation of his disinterested, faithful and efficient services during the past two years. Then came the annual feast of the white dog, a function which can be fully appreciated by those who know the long and tedious process of fattening an albino cur to the proper condition for the soup kettle.

The election Saturday was the first in the history of the club when two tickets were in the field. There was a regular and a members' ticket, each of which was headed by Heaton Owsley for president. The nomination of the members' ticket was largely for the sake of enlivening the election, more than because of any antagonism to the regular ticket, but the result showed a victory for three of the nominees, James R. Ward, vice-president, from the Twenty-fifth ward, and W. C. Hollister and Joseph F. Conlon, directors, being the fortunate ones. The election resulted as follows:

President—Heaton Owsley.
Vice-presidents—Twenty-fifth ward, Col. H. P. Donovan; Twenty-first ward, John Dierhart; Twenty-second ward, A. W. Matting; Twenty-third ward, W. H. Lyman; Twenty-fourth ward, Thos. H. Cannon; Twenty-fifth ward, James R. Ward; Twenty-sixth ward, Joseph Fitch; Evanson, William Prentiss.
Secretary—C. C. Millwell.
Treasurer—Vincent H. Perkins.
Directors—J. Wilbur Sutton, Henry Lutsenkirchen, W. C. Hollister, Granville W. Browning, Joseph F. Conlon and John H. Ford.

The presentation of the loving cup was made by Vincent H. Perkins, treasurer of the club, in a neat and witty speech, that called out rounds of applause and great laughter. The retiring president, ex-Judge Vincent, was so taken by surprise that he hesitated for a reply. At the conclusion of his expression of thanks, Joseph F. Conlon, Ross F. Bergh and Jacob H. Hopkins baptized the cup with three bottles of champagne, and it was sent on a long journey among the members. The cup is twelve inches high, plain in design, and bears, besides a portrait of the patron chief, Waubansee, two inscriptions on its sides. One is a quotation from a speech of the noted warrior, and the other is as follows: "Presented to William A. Vincent by the members of the Waubansee Club, as a token of their affection and esteem, and in appreciation of his splendid services in the interests of the club during his two years of service as its president."

Heaton Owsley, the new President of the Waubansee Club, says it may be written that he is "one of those people who have no history." He means by that, it must be supposed, no political history, although as the unanimously chosen head of a set of men banded together for the advancement of the Democratic party one would naturally infer that he must be a veteran in politics and campaign scheming. He is just plain Heaton Owsley, a successful business man, modest in speaking of himself, but with an unmistakable air of self-confidence that should exist in any leader. In appearance he is tall, muscular and well proportioned. This, no doubt, is an inheritance from his Kentucky ancestors. He has dark hair, which is beginning to thin a trifle around his forehead and his temples, and he parts it in the middle. His forehead is high and broad; his nose fairly good; his eyes bright and with that space between them denoting a faculty for fathoming; his brown mustache is trained not to droop, and

it partly covers up a generous-sized mouth, which is characteristic of the Owsleys; his jaw and chin indicate what a physiognomist would term tenacity of purpose. Altogether he has a pleasant face, betraying good nature as one of his characteristics.

Mr. Owsley was born in Springfield, Ill., in November thirty-nine years ago. His father, the late John E. Owsley, was among the early settlers in Illinois, being attracted from his Kentucky home by the fertile lands of the Northwest. Heaton Owsley is the eldest of eight brothers, all of whom save two—one studying medicine in Baltimore and the other a student at one of the Eastern universities—live in Chicago. Mr. Owsley's parents moved to this city in 1860, and here the Waubansee chieftain has since remained. The Owsleys settled on the west side, and Heaton Owsley was the first to desert that part of the city for one of the other divisions. He lives at 408 Erie street in a handsome home of his own erection.

Heaton Owsley went to school at the Brown school in Warren avenue, near Howard street, and there laid the foundation for his college course. He attended Center College at Danville, Ky., and was in the class of '77. "Center is not recognized among the Northern universities as being much of a college," says Mr. Owsley, "but she has turned out some mighty good men. Senator Beck, the Breckenridges and Vice President Stevenson are some of Center's graduates."

After leaving college Mr. Owsley returned to Chicago and went into the manufacturing business with his brothers. His concern, the St. Nicholas Manufacturing Company, is situated at Fullerton and Southport avenues. It originally was given to the manufacture of velocipedes and toys, but, with the advent of the bicycling craze, has since become a "cycle factory."

Mr. Owsley has been twice married. His first wife was Miss Byrne, of Louisville, whom he married in 1880. His second wife was Miss Lina Harrison, eldest daughter of the late Mayor Carter H. Harrison. He married Miss Harrison in the autumn of 1887. They have a family of interesting daughters.

In politics Mr. Owsley has always been a Democrat, doubtless another Kentucky inheritance. He has never taken an active part in the struggles of his party but once, and that was when he calls his "unsuccessful effort to become a Drainage Trustee last fall." He has been a member of the Waubansee Club only a short time, a fact making his election all the more a compliment and a tribute to his personal popularity. He is also a member of the University Club and of the Greek letter fraternity, Phi Delta Theta.

Mr. Owsley said that it was too early for him to speak of any part the Waubansee Braves might take in the approaching battle for the presidency of the United States. But he added that the club would go in for telling effects. It is, he said, in an exceedingly prosperous condition, with a large membership and not handicapped by indebtedness. It is the club's boast that for every one dollar's worth of debts it has four to meet it.

Commissioner of Public Works Kent has given orders to Superintendent Craig of the water office to consolidate the permit and assessment departments and place E. P. Haven in charge. Each department had a chief, who received a salary of \$1,050 a year. Herman A. Phillips, who was at the head of the permit department, resigned a week ago to take the Thirty-second Ward scavenger work. Commissioner Kent came to the conclusion that one man could manage both departments and abolished one place.

Joseph E. Gary, Judge of the Appellate Court, will be the Chicago Bar Association's guest of honor at an informal meeting next Friday evening

at the Palmer House. Judge Gary, by special request, will deliver an address on "The Relations of the Bar to the Appellate Court." The reception committee for the occasion will include Lyman Trumbull, David B. Lyman, Thomas Dent, George W. Smith, James B. Bradwell, John P. Wilson, Abram M. Pence, John J. Herrick, Edward G. Mason, Thomas A. Moran, James L. High, Ephraim A. Otis, Murray F. Tuley, Benjamin F. Ayer, Huntington W. Jackson and John N. Jewett.

Henry L. Hertz was asked what he had to say in regard to the charge made in a morning paper that he had charged the village of La Grange excessive amounts for merely signing his name as Commissioner to special assessments rolls. He said:

"All I care to say is I did the work required of me, and in some instances employed and paid for an assistant. My charge was fair and proper. My knowledge and experience are of value. It was not necessary for me to spend days on the work. I fixed the rate of percentage and the basis."

"I do not consider my work and experience are to be measured by the excellence of Village Clerk Northrup's mere clerical work."

"Judge Carter never ordered my fee or had anything to do with it. It was fixed in consultation with a resident of La Grange, who considered it in each case fair and equitable. I know the sources and the motives of that article."

Mr. William D. Boyce has withdrawn from the race for Congress in the Seventh District. He is too busy a man to think of absenting himself from Chicago and never seriously considered the suggestion that he go to Congress.

Mr. Louis A. Klee, who was for many years one of the head men in the water office, is now manager of the famous Shakespeare Restaurant, formerly known as "Hansen's Rathskeller," corner of Dearborn and Madison streets. Louis is well known and popular, and since Mr. Wallen, the proprietor, secured his services his business has increased one hundred per cent. Louis has many warm personal friends among the readers of The Eagle, and he wishes through our columns to extend to each and everyone a cordial invitation to give him a call.

Mr. Thomas A. Broughton and his most estimable wife have long been known to the poor people of the Third Ward for their many acts of kindness and generosity. Mrs. Broughton is beloved by all who know her, as she devotedly serves to be, for this noble and kind-hearted lady devotes nearly half of her time in doing for the poor. Mr. Broughton on Christmas day spent quite a sum of money in providing a bountiful repast for the colored poor people of the ward, and this is not the first time the colored people have had reason to be grateful to him for his many deeds of kindness shown them. They style

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him their patron saint and one of Nature's noblemen. Mr. Broughton is Vice President of the Crescent Coal and Mining Company and is doing a prosperous business. He is well fixed financially and a large property owner in the Third Ward, where he resides. He is so constituted that he experiences more downright pleasure and happiness when he is able to do something to make others happy than in doing for himself.

On Thursday evening the Twenty-second Ward Democratic Club opened its new permanent headquarters, at 270 Sedgwick street, marking the occasion with the usual features of a grand housewarming. Long before the appointed hour the large hall and spacious committee-rooms were filled with enthusiastic Democrats admiring the tasty decorations and gazing at the portraits of Democracy's patron saints and idols which hung everywhere about the room.

At 8:15 o'clock, when President Wallen's rapped for order, fully 300 Democrats were in the hall. After a few graceful words of welcome, the chairman introduced the principal speaker of the evening, Col. Henry F. Donovan. A large portrait of Gov. Altgeld, which hung over the speakers' table, furnished an inspiring theme and the audience frequently attested its admiration for Illinois' great Governor, by spontaneous bursts of applause.

The Hon. Joseph S. Martin followed Col. Donovan, complimenting the club on its enterprise and good purposes. Capt. James H. Farrell, whose efforts have largely contributed to make the Twenty-second Ward Club the banner organization of the city, aroused the members to a high pitch of enthusiasm by a glowing forecast of the club's future. Then Robert E. Burke, who was suspected all evening of having a card concealed up his sleeve, announced that refreshments would be served in the large committee-room in the rear of the hall. The meeting then adjourned to partake of the good cheer of which the Executive Committee had furnished a bountiful supply.

Guests from adjoining wards and newspaper men were served at a separate table, and the affair was voted a great success.

The rooms will be open every evening between 8 and 10:30 o'clock, a splendid bowling alley in the basement, and all the daily papers, making the headquarters an attractive place of meeting. Following is a list of the officers and the Executive Committee: N. Wallen, born, president; M. D. Rogers, Vice President; Jas. J. Sullivan, Secretary; John H. Sullivan, Treasurer; Robert E. Burke, chairman of Executive Committee; M. Shields, J. V. Kleober, Lawrence Dienes, Chris Hawthorne, Henry Lutsenkirchen, Emil Garthe, H. F. Spangenknecht, John Schneider, Charles Warner, Dan McGuire, John Mox, Peter Loftus, Fred Heinberg Jr., John M. Blens, Charles West, W. H. Madden,

Louis Eagle, William Dedman, John Garabaldi, James H. Farrell, Fred C. Knecht.

Mr. Ephraim Banning, of the Thirtieth ward, is almost certain to succeed George E. White in Congress from the fifth district. Mr. White has frequently said, since his election, to his warmest and most loyal friends that he would not be a candidate for re-nomination from the fifth congressional district.

Alderman Fred Rohde is almost certain to succeed himself in the City Council from the Ninth ward. Mr. Rohde has made a good record and the people are strongly in favor of him.

Mr. Joseph J. Duffy, the well-known contractor and Democratic politician, and Miss Julia Veronica Cannon, daughter of Mrs. Mary Cannon, were married last Wednesday evening by Archbishop Feehan. The happy couple will be at home at 217 Belden avenue after March 1.

In the midst of numerous conflicting reports from South Africa, it appears certain that reckless Dr. Jameson has been whipped out of sight in his attempt to lead his filibusters into the Transvaal, that seventy of his followers were killed, many of them wounded, and all, dead or alive, captured. His own fate is somewhat uncertain, some reports stating that he will be tried by court-martial, which is most likely. The hullabaloo, however, has had some good results. It has led President Kruger to declare by public proclamation that if the foreigners have any grievances they have only to formulate them and they will receive legislative consideration. It has compelled both the English Government and the Colonial Government to disavow the whole business. It has waked Germany up and aroused France. They seem to have discovered that there is a Monroe doctrine which applies to South Africa and forbids British aggressions upon the little Transvaal republic. It has also given the world a little rest on the Venezuelan affair, and will in the end make our British brethren much more favorably disposed towards arbitration. Taken for all in all, Dr. Jameson's foolhardy scheme has had several results he did not contemplate when he started out with his filibusters.

Four States besides Utah became members of the Union in the month of January. Georgia was the fourth State to ratify the Constitution, which it did Jan. 2, 1788, and the fifth was Connecticut, which came in a week later, Michigan, the twenty-sixth State, was admitted Jan. 26, 1837; Kansas, the thirty-fourth, Jan. 29, 1861, and now we have Utah, the forty-fifth State, proclaimed a member of the Union Jan. 4. It is a very good month in this respect, though December can boast of more than any other month, having nine States to its credit.

APPLES WILL NOT SAVE HIM.

John R. Tanner Said More About John P. Hopkins than He Can Prove in Court.

He Loses the First Round of the Libel Suit and Finds Himself Beaten.

Tanner Must Prove Every Specific Charge He Has Made or Pay Hopkins \$100,000.

In the libel suit of ex-Mayor John P. Hopkins against John R. Tanner Judge Adams has rendered a decision sustaining the demurrer to the defendant's answer. The decision has an important bearing on the final disposition of the case, for unless Tanner can amend the answer so as to make a proper defense under the ruling of the Court judgment is certain to go against him.

The suit grew out of a circular issued during the political campaign of 1894 by Tanner, who was at the time chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, charging that the Democrats in Cook County were in possession of an enormous campaign fund, made up largely of "blackmail levied by Mayor Hopkins upon the voters of Chicago." The circulars were sent broadcast over the State and one of them fell into the hands of Mayor Hopkins. He called on Tanner for a retraction, which was refused. The Mayor then instituted suit against Tanner for libel, claiming damages in the amount of \$50,000.

In his answer to the petition Tanner asserted that the blackmail levied by Mayor Hopkins upon the criminal classes in Chicago was collected by members of the police force. He submitted a list of nearly 100 persons said to be engaged in immoral occupations who, he claimed, had paid money to the police for protection. The plaintiff's attorneys demurred to the answer, because it did not state the names of the policemen or allege that they were acting under instructions from the Mayor.

The question as to the sufficiency of the defense set up in the answer was argued some months ago before Judge Adams, who took the matter under advisement. The Judge handed down an opinion sustaining the demurrer and holding that the answer as it stands does not set up a defense to the plaintiff's right to recover damages.

The defendant, Tanner, was given leave to amend his answer, but there is serious question as to his ability to do so. In order to make a plea that will stick he must give the names of the police officers who collected the alleged blackmail and state specifically that they were acting under positive instructions from Mayor Hopkins or that he knew of and approved of their actions.

In reviewing the facts Judge Adams said the special plea of privilege which Mr. Tanner set up in defense was substantially that the stress of party politics compelled the chairman of the Republican State Central Committee to impart the libelous intelligence to the Republican managers in the various election districts.

This plea, Judge Adams held, was without merit. He declared that it was not necessary for Tanner to accuse the Mayor of Chicago of malfeasance in office in order to inform the Republicans of the State that a large sum of money had been collected to promote the success of the opposite party. Following this line of reasoning, the court further said:

"If the facts alleged were probably true, and the defendant had in good faith made complaint to a magistrate or the grand jury, he might have had immunity, because in such case the magistrate or grand jury would have jurisdiction to inquire into the matter, but the communication was made to private persons, strangers to the plaintiff, who could afford no redress, public or private."

The various pleas of justification urged by Tanner in his answer were all held by Judge Adams to be insufficient. One of these pleas charged that on Oct. 31, 1894, the plaintiff, through the police force, extorted from one Lizzie Manning \$5, and in consideration of that sum of money permitted her to maintain a certain room in the city of Chicago for immoral purposes.

"It will be observed," the court said, "that it is not averred that the Mayor in person extorted money, as is in substance averred in the libel, but that he did it by an agent—namely, the many-headed police force. The mem-

bers of the police force are not the agents of the Mayor nor even of the city. They are officers of the State, a part of the State constabulary. Legally speaking, there can be no agency in an illegal transaction. All who aid or participate in any way are principals. I am of the opinion that the plaintiff has the right to be informed by the plea of the names of the persons by whom the defendant claimed to have extorted money as alleged."

In conclusion the court said: "It is averred that the plaintiff acted by others, which can only be true on the hypothesis that others acted by his authority, and it is material to the plaintiff to know by whom it is claimed he acted, to whom it is claimed he gave authority to act for him, in order that he may be prepared to meet the defendant's charge."

"If the defendant does not know that any person or persons acted for the plaintiff, as alleged, he should not have so averred, but, having so averred, it must be assumed that he does know, and, knowing, he must inform the plaintiff by his plea. He cannot impose on the plaintiff the burden of calling every member of the police force to prove that no one of them was authorized to act for him, as alleged in the plea."

Tanner's attorney asked for a few days' time in which to consult his client before any order was entered and the request was granted.

When members of the Republican League of the Tenth ward arrived at Miller's Hall, 1400 West Twenty-second street, Friday evening, they found the hall in possession of a number of persons who pretended to be members and were going through the form of electing officers. The intruders were desired by the landlord to leave the place, and in doing so heaped curses on the city administration. The league was much aroused over these methods of the machine, and there was talk of revolt among the better element of Republicans.

The league elected the following officers for the year: President, F. C. Eagle; vice-president, S. P. Norman; secretary, P. J. Carboy; assistant secretary, Joseph Braddae; treasurer, F. Roemer. An executive committee of one from each precinct was elected, there being a large attendance and every precinct represented. The club stands for honest primaries and good nominations.

The Socialistic Labor party has made the following nominations: West Chicago—Assessor, Oscar Neebe; Collector, D. H. Daly; Supervisor, John Collins.

North Chicago—Assessor, J. W. Saunders; Collector, William Behrens; Supervisor, John Roening.

South Chicago—Assessor, J. Gus Weaver; Collector, S. Levison; Supervisor, Fritz Colblitz.

Lake View—Assessor, J. B. Adams; Collector, Fred Wittmeyer; Supervisor, Charles Nichol.

Hyde Park—Assessor, John Glanbeck; Collector, J. B. Peplin; Supervisor, John Christianson.

Town of Lake—Assessor, Charles Fritz; Collector, B. Berlin; Supervisor, Herman Pahl.

There are no members of the party in Cleere, and nominations for offices in that town were relegated to the nominating committee. The committee will also choose candidates for Aldermen and clerks in that place, as well as in the other towns.

Circulars issued by a committee of the South Chicago police and addressed to the city police force were distributed in the stations, in which is advocated a change in the style of the uniform overcoat. It is claimed the coat now worn by the patrolmen is not well adapted for severe weather, and a coat with high collar and outside pockets for weapons is advised.